



Professional Practice Update

Site Assessment and Mitigation
Program



State of the Practice

- SAM Manual
- California Code of Regulations
Title 16, Division 29, Article 3,
Section 3065
- Responsible charge
- Enforcement



SAM Manual

- SAM Manual is a living document
- Details the minimum level of effort that should be seen on each project



CCR Section 3065

- Professional standards for geologists
- Established to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public

Responsible Charge

- By signing a report, the licensee takes full **personal** responsibility for the accuracy of the technical data and figures in that report.
- Complaints to the State Licensing Board are filed on the licensee, not the company that prepared the report.



State Enforcement Load

- Currently have 93 active cases
- 48 new cases in last year
- Issued 4 citations in last year
- Expect twice as many this year



Citations Issued

- REA – unlicensed practice \$1000
- REA – unlicensed practice \$2500
- RG – negligence \$2500
- CEG – unlicensed practice \$2500

Past SAM Referrals

- 1 geologist – unlicensed practice
- 2 REAs – unlicensed practice
- 1 engineer – unlicensed practice
- 1 RG – drilling without permits and backfilling holes with contaminated soil



Pending SAM Referrals

- 1 REA – unlicensed practice
- 1 RG – incompetence
- 1 RCE - incompetence